

NADCE CONFERENCE 2024

January 31 - February 2, 2024 | Houston, TX Register Online: bit.ly/NADCE24

A Conference For DCEs and Those in Related Ministries

We are making space for Directors of Christian Education and others to build up, encourage, support, and equip one another to thrive in their callings.

- A time to connect and interact with fellow DCE's from all over the country, as we encourage and walk with one another.
- Learn from a renowned keynote speaker addressing ministry in a changing world.
- Relevant sectionals on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning on topics that relate to all areas of ministry.
- Lunch and dinner meals right where you are, with free breakfast for those staying at the Hilton Houston NASA Clear Lake.
- Free transportation from the airport to our conference, and between our hotel and church. Shuttles will be marked with our conference logo in the van window.
- Amazing evening gathering times. On Wednesday night we will gather and connect in a welcome reception and on Thursday there will be a banquet celebrating DCE ministry.
- A time for relaxation, replenishment, and exploring the many sights and tastes of Houston on Thursday afternoon.



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MAKING SPACE

JANUARY 31, 2024

1:00-2:00 PM
REGISTRATION AND EXHIBIT HALL OPEN

2:00-3:30 PM
WELCOME, WORSHIP, AND KEYNOTE #1

4:00-5:00 PM SPACE TO DISCUSS AND REFLECT

> 5:00-6:00 PM Dinner at <u>Gloria dei</u>

7:00-9:00 PM WELCOME RECEPTION

FEBRUARY 1, 2024

9:00-9:30 AM
TRANSPORT FROM HILTON TO GLORIA DEI

9:30-10:30 AM
WORSHIP AND KEYNOTE #2

11:00-12:00 PM SPACE TO DISCUSS AND REFLECT

> 12:00-1:00 PM LUNCH AT GLORIA DEI

> > **1:00-2:00 PM** SECTIONAL #1

2:15-3:15 PM SECTIONAL #2

3:30-7:00 PM SPACE TO REPLENISH AND EXPLORE

7:00-9:00 PM
MINISTRY CELEBRATION BANQUET

FEBRUARY 2, 2024

8:30-9:00 AM
TRANSPORT FROM HILTON TO GLORIA DEI

9:00-10:00 AM SECTIONAL #3

10:30-11:30 PM WORSHIP AND KEYNOTE #3

11:30-12:00 PM EXTRAORDINARY PRAYER

12:00 PM BOXED LUNCH TO GO

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



DR. MARK MAYFIELD

Dr. Mark Mayfield is an author, speaker, leadership coach, counselor, and professor. He has extensive experience in executive leadership as former founder and CEO of Mayfield Counseling Centers, a 501c3 non-profit in Colorado Springs which serves over 25,000 appointments a year. Dr. Mayfield is an executive leadership coach, helping churches and organizations navigate the complexities of their mental and emotional health. Clinically, Dr. Mayfield is an expert in working with families affected by trauma. He is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Mental Health Counseling at CCU and also partners with the AACC as the Director of Practice and Ministry Development and Editor of Marriage & Family: A Christian Journal.

Dr. Mayfield is the author of three books, "HELP! My Teen is Self-Injuring: A Crisis Manual for Parents" which addresses his own suicide survival story, and provides practical tools to help your child who may be struggling, "The Path Out of Loneliness: Finding and Fostering Connection to God, Ourselves and One Another", and "The Path To Wholeness: Managing Emotions, Finding Healing, and Becoming Our Best Selves" (releases May 2023).

He has been featured in prominent media outlets including Woman's Day, Hello Giggles, NBC, Reader's Digest, Byrdie, and more. Dr. Mayfield is currently working on research in Equine Facilitated Psychotherapy and Veterans, and in Social Justice and the church. Dr. Mayfield lives in Texas with his wife of 15 years and their three children.



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS OPEN: BIT.LY/NADCE24

\$325 NADCE non-member rate

\$225 NADCE member rate

\$125 Spouses, DCE students, DCE Emteritus, DCE Program Directors

*Price increases on November 30 by \$50.

*\$50 discount available for those with multiple staff members from the same congregation attending

Early Registration

Early registration will be taking place from June 15-August 31. If you register within this timeframe, you will receive one of Dr. Mayfield's books for free! You may choose either "The Path Out of Loneliness" or "The Path to Wholeness". You will be able to pick-up your free book at the conference.

Scholarships

Don't be afraid to ask! We hope to award all the \$75 scholarships available! If applying for a registration scholarship, please complete the registration process before November 30. Pay a NADCE member registration deposit of \$150, or non-NADCE member registration deposit of \$250. Scholarships will be awarded by December 10.

Roommates are Encouraged

Sharing the cost of hotel nights makes the conference very affordable for you or your church/organization. Double rooms can accommodate two people, each with their own queen bed. If you need to find a roommate, indicate that on the registration form.

NADCE Membership

Visit the NADCE website (https://nadce.wildapricot.org/) to join NADCE and receive a \$100 discount to the conference.

Hotel

Hotel reservations are made directly with the Hilton Houston NASA Clear Lake, in Houston, Texas. Use the Special Rate code Nadce24.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

MATTHEW 11:30



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The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.
I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

JOHN 10:10



HILTON HOUSTON NASA CLEAR LAKE

The lovely Hilton Houston will be our home base for housing, fellowship, and some evening activities. The complimentary breakfast makes this venue a very attractive option at \$129.00 for a room with a king bed or two double beds. A list of those who desire roommates will be available closer to the event.

To reserve a room using special **Nadce24** rates visit this link: bit.ly/NADCEHilton

FREE SHUTTLES PROVIDED FROM THE AIRPORT AND BETWEEN THE CHURCH AND HOTEL

Coordination with our transportation team will get you from the airport to our Conference and back again (Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday). Free shuttles will also be available to get you from the hotel to the church and back again (Wednesday through Friday). Shuttles will be marked with our Conference logo in the van window.

CONFERENCE SITE GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

Yes, we are doing it again. We are gathering in a church. Why wouldn't we? Ministry professionals gathering in a church makes sense. You get a reasonable registration rate and extra benefits like door-to-door transportation from the airport to the hotel, and hotel to the conference site. All your meals are included (given you take advantage of breakfast at the Hilton Houston NASA Clear Lake) and included is a gathering reception on Wednesday evening and the Thursday evening banquet. While in Houston, we can observe and learn from the thriving ministries and leaders at Gloria Dei. Come, relax, connect, learn, and enjoy being with others who serve in ministry to God's people! To learn more, visit Gloria Dei's website: https://gdlc.org/

QUESTIONS?

Contact the NADCE Conference Planning Team at nadceconference@gmail.com.